The projects are taken up on national perspective to meet traffic and other requirements and are not guided by geographical boundaries of District/State. There is no policy to provide rail connectivity to each District Headquarter and data in this regard has not been maintained.

(b) Computerised reservation facility has been made available in 485 districts of all the States in the country by 31.10.2005, irrespective of the fact whether train services have reached the districts.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) As proliferation of reservation facility is a continuous process, this facility in Jashpur Nagar (Chhattisgarh) will be considered for inclusion in Annual Budget 2006-07.

Profits by NMDC

†2730. SHRIMATI KAMLA MANHAR: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) the net profit earned by NMDC in the last three years;

(b) the turn over of NMDC in the last three years with respect to mining of iron ore and share of Chhattisgarh in it;

(c) the amount of corporate tax and dividend paid by NMDC to Government of India in the last 3 years; and

(d) the details of royalty paid by the NMDC during above period separately to the Government of Chhattisgarh?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) The net profit earned by NMDC during last 3 years are as under;

(Rs. in crore)

Year	Net Profit After Tax
2002-03	312.20
2003-04	432.63
2004-05	755.44

†Oginal notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) Iron ore turnover of NMDC and share of Chhattisgarh in it during previous 3 years are as under;

(Rs. in crrore)

Year	Iron ore turnover	Iron ore turnover from Chhattisgarh
2002-03	1177.28	900.81
2003-04	1411.39	1062.53
2004-05	2180.58	1631.27

(c) The details of the Corporate tax and Dividend paid by NMDC to Govt. of India in the last three years are as under;

Year	Corporate Tax	Dividend paid (Excl. dividend tax)	
		Total	Share of Government
2002-03	107.98	33.04	32.51
2003-04	183.39	30.65	39.01
2004-05	468.21	97.13	95.56

(d) The details of royalty paid by NMDC to the Govt. of Chhattisgarh is as follows;

(Rs. in crore)

Year	Royalty
2002-03	25.04
2003-04	25.94
2004-05	29.55

Iron-ore export

2731. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether India's iron ore production during 2004 was around 142 million tonnes against domestic demand of 56 million tonnes;

(b) whether the R.K. Dang Committee has recommended that iron ore exports should be tapered off in a span of ten years from now;

(c) whether steel industry is pitching for a total and immediate ban on iron ore exports, while the ore export lobby wants exports to continue indefinitely; and

(d) whether an abrupt ban on iron ore export would adversely affect the ore mining industry in Karnataka and Goa with a lot of investments in ports and mines and the machinery would become idle?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) As per